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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: STEVENS

Entitled: READILY TRANSPORTABLE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT STAND

and including attachments as noted below:

- Newly executed Declaration, Copy of Declaration from prior application, Abstract
 Please delete the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

Deleted persons:

15 pages of specification and claims (including 21 numbered claims), and
9 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

Record the attached assignment to OLD DOG LLC, Laurel, Maryland and return to the undersigned.

Attached is a Power of Attorney.

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

| Application Number | Country | Day/Month/Year Filed |
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, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior appln. no. _____ filed _____

This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

This application is a continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/161,340, filed June 3, 2002, published December 4, 2003, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

The prior application is assigned to _____, _____

It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.

Applicant claims "small entity" status. "Small entity" statement attached.

Please enter the attached preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

Also attached: Information Disclosure Statement

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| Basic Filing Fee | | \$ | 770.00 |
| Total effective claims | 21 - 20 (at least 20) = | 1 x \$ 18.00 | \$ 18.00 |
| Independent claims | 3 - 3 (at least 3) = | 0 x \$ 86.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$290.00 (ignore improper) | | \$ | 0.00 |
| | | SUBTOTAL | \$ 788.00 |
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| Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) | | SECOND SUBTOTAL | \$ 394.00 |
| | | | \$ 40.00 |
| | | TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED | \$ 434.00 |

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